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HOUSE RESOLUTION 145
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Rodney D. Simmons for his laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as business leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Rodney D. Simmons, who is the Chairman of Bell Buckle Country Store, Inc., the makers of Captain Rodney's and Rose & Ivy brand gourmet products; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with Bell Buckle Country Store, Inc., Mr. Simmons still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as Tennessee Backroads Heritage, having served as Vice President and President of this exemplary organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons has also served as Vice President and President of the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce, and is also a Board Member of both the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and the Shelbyville-Bedford County Economic Development and Tourism Council; he is a Paul Harris Fellow of the Shelbyville Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Simmons also devotes his time and energies to numerous historical organizations, including the Gilliland Historic Resource Center, the Historic Tennessee Walking Horse Trail the Historic Tennessee Walking Horse Parkway and the Civil War, Tullahoma Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons also evinces his interest and patronage of the arts through his membership in Fly-In for the Arts and the Bedford County Arts Council, which he serves as a Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Simmons also demonstrates his dedication to his profession through his membership in the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade; he is also a founding Board Member and was the first President of the Tennessee Specialty Food Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons also possesses a keen interest in, and an abiding love of, aircraft; he is a member of the National Business Aircraft Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; he is also an experienced commercial pilot, with over 5,000 hours logged, and has served as an aviation consultant and as a Cessna and Piper aircraft dealer; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Simmons epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Simmons for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Rodney D. Simmons for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.